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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Takao SATO et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3682**

Application No.: **10/767,210**

Examiner: **Vicky A. Johnson**

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

November 20, 2006

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated October 30, 2006, and having a response due date set for November 30, 2006.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has required an election of one of the species below:

- Group I Figs. 1-7;
- Group II Fig. 8;
- Group III Fig. 9; and
- Group IV Fig. 10.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the embodiment of Group I, Figs. 1-7. Claims 1-8 read on the elected embodiment. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

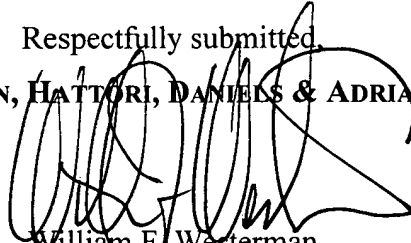
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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